

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method implemented in a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) for use in wireless communications comprising:
establishing a bidirectional internet protocol (IP) link ~~at a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU)~~ between the WTRU and a core network to allow service operation parameter negotiation prior to network selection, the IP link separate from any transport network layer;
transmitting a request for service level system information ~~from the WTRU~~ over the bidirectional IP link to the core network; and
receiving the requested service level system information over the bidirectional IP link;
negotiating at least one service operation parameter based on the received service level system information; and
selecting a network based on the at least one negotiated service operation parameter.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the request comprises a specific configuration, and the requested service level system information is received in the specific configuration.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the specific configuration includes billing information.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the specific configuration includes security information.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the specific configuration includes service ability.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the specific configuration includes the congestion status of the system.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the specific configuration includes data rates supported by the system.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the request includes information regarding a first and second primary station; and the WTRU switches to the second primary station in response thereto.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the first primary station is a UMTS system and the second primary station is a WLAN.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the WTRU measures the strength of signals transmitted from the first primary station and from the second primary station, and switches to the second primary station when

the strength of the signal from the second primary station exceeds a predetermined signal strength level.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the first primary station is a WLAN and the second primary station is a UMTS system.

12-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit a request for service level system information over a bidirectional internet protocol (IP) link at the WTRU to allow service operation prior to network selection; and

a receiver configured to receive the requested service level system information over the bidirectional IP link;

a processor configured to negotiate, via the bidirectional IP link, at least one service operation parameter based on the received service level system information and select a network based on the at least one negotiated service operation parameter.